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## **GGA: Record NY-NJ Passengers Show Need for Substantial Investment into Airport Infrastructure**

NEW YORK – The Global Gateway Alliance today released the following statement regarding the announcement that New York-New Jersey airports are on pace to welcome a record number of passengers this year:

“It’s good news that New York and New Jersey airports are on pace to set passenger records in 2014, and it shows how much we need substantial investment to meet growing demand.

“In particular, the Federal Government must take two critical steps: first, make our region the showcase for 21st Century air traffic technology by finally replacing the decades old radar system, and second, ease slot limitations that artificially cap capacity. Without satellite technology for our skies, New York and New Jersey passengers will continue to experience the worst delays in the country and we won’t ultimately be able to meet the demand of the largest and most important airport system in the country.”

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### **ABOUT GGA**

Global Gateway Alliance (GGA) was established to address the major challenges facing the metropolitan region’s airports and related infrastructure that, if left unaddressed, will serve as a major impediment to the long-term growth of New York City and surrounding areas. By harnessing the expertise of leaders in business, government, academia, labor and other sectors, we seek to tackle these challenges head-on and serve as the leading advocate in an effort to improve our airports and facilitate the continued growth of the region. For more information regarding the Global Gateway Alliance, please visit [www.globalgatewayalliance.org](http://www.globalgatewayalliance.org). Follow GGA on Twitter @GGA\_NY NJ and ‘Like’ the organization on Facebook at <http://on.fb.me/UsqxGw>.

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